



WORPLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

2nd October 2020

Worple Newsletter

Enjoy, Learn, Grow

Head Teacher's Update

Dear Parents,

Our focus this week during assembly was, how we can ensure that we always demonstrate 'good manners'. I have great pleasure in saying, that the vast majority of our children at Worple have impeccable manners and rarely is there ever a time that we need to remind them of these, all thanks to you all. Showing kindness to others has been a critical part of the work that we have been doing through the recovery curriculum, which the children have been embracing fully.

As a community, showing kindness to one another and considering the needs of others is ever more important in these challenging times. With the government moving the COVID risk category from a 3 to a 4 grading, increasing restrictions, as well as the growth in COVID cases both locally and nationally, we have been reviewing the way that we work across the school and our own school risk assessment. Whilst the systems seem to be working generally well in the school playground at drop off and pick up, there is still some congestion, which is inevitable given the number of children and families on the school site during these times. It is also now general practice for masks to be worn in almost all organisations, and we have decided that as an additional precaution, we will be requesting that masks are worn by parents and children of secondary school age when on the school site. This includes during morning drop off and afternoon collection of the children from the school site. Staff in the playground will also be following this rule. **These arrangements will begin on Monday 5 October.**

I hope that you are able to understand, these arrangements are critical to ensuring the safety of everyone in our school community. We do have a

shared responsibility, so I would ask for your full support with this.

As we move into the early parents evening 'time of year', we will be doing things differently this year. Whilst we would absolutely love to meet with you face-to-face, this will not be possible. We are however, trying to set up a system, which will enable us to video conference with you from home, so that we retain the face-to-face contact, albeit online. Further details will be sent out to you in the very near future as well as details for booking appointments online.

It is already feeling like the end of the half term and I can see that many of the children are looking genuinely a little tired. There are still a few weeks to go until half term, so please stick with those routines and early bedtimes, it really does make all of the difference.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Marais Leenders

Executive Headteacher



Walk to School Week

Get your happy feet on, it's time to celebrate! It's Walk to School Week – Monday 5th October- Friday 9th October.

Living Streets have created the greatest national Walk to School celebration, where pupils and grown-ups around the UK unite for one week of walking to school. The five-day walking challenge is a fun and engaging week-long activity which raises awareness and celebrates walking for all and helps create healthy habits for life. Enjoy walking and share your walks with Worples!

A brisk walk to and from school or work can help increase our daily exercise and have a positive effect on our emotional wellbeing. It can encourage children's independence, road sense and also be an opportunity to chat with friends. Let's get walking.



Parents Evening

Parents Evening will be held on the week commencing Monday 12th October. Due to the current situation with COVID we have made the decision to run these meetings virtually. Each class will run three sessions over the course of the week; two after school sessions and one within the school day.

The aim of the meeting is to allow you the opportunity to 'meet' with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and ask any questions you may have.

The parents evening sessions will be as follows:

Tuesday 13th October – 3:30 – 6:30pm

Thursday 15th October – 4:00 – 7:00pm

Each class will also offer a session which will be held during the school day. These sessions will be on different days depending on your child's year group:

Nursery – Monday 12th October – 1:30 – 3:30pm

Reception – Monday 12th October – 1:30 – 3:30pm

Year 1 – Wednesday 14th October – 9:30 – 11:30am

Year 2 – Thursday 15th October - 1:30 – 3:30pm

Year 3 – Wednesday 14th October - 1:30 – 3:30pm

Year 4 – Monday 12th October – 1:30 – 3:30pm

Year 5 – Thursday 15th October - 1:30 – 3:30pm

Year 6 – Friday 16th October - 1:30 – 3:30pm

We will be sending out further details on how you can book your parents evening appointment soon – please keep an eye on your emails.

Secondary School Transfer information

We were delighted to see so many of our year 5 and 6 parents join us on the secondary school transfer meeting earlier this week. We hope the information shared was useful and that it goes some way in supporting you in making your choices.

This year all Hounslow's secondary schools will be holding their open days virtually, below are the links to each school. As always please do not hesitate to get in contact us here at school should you have any questions.

[Bolder Academy](#)

[Brentford School for Girls](#)

[Chiswick School](#)

[Cranford Community College](#)

[Gumley House Convent School](#)

[Gunnersbury Catholic School](#)

[Heston Community School](#)

[Isleworth and Syon School for Boys](#)

[Kingsley Academy](#)

[Lampton School](#)

[Logic Studio School](#)

[Springwest Academy](#)

[The Green School for Boys](#)

[The Green School for Girls](#)

[The Heathland School](#)

[St Mark's Catholic School](#)

Clubs

We are delighted to be able to run some before and after school clubs after the October half term. As you will be aware, we are restricting visitors on to the school and as a result have decided to only run clubs that can be led by a member of school staff. The clubs we will be offering are as follows:

Monday PMs – Music Club for KS1 children

Wednesday PMs – Art Club for KS2 children

Thursday PMs – Rugby Club for KS2 children

Friday AMs – Multi Sports for KS1 children

As you will see we will be running a reduced programme of clubs and for safety measures we will be capping numbers. We will be sending out club letters soon – Please check your emails regularly so you do not miss out. Clubs will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.



Pick up Protocol

Please ensure the office and the class teacher are aware of all the people who have permission to pick up your child. At the end of the day we will only release your child if we see one of these adults from the classroom door. You do not need to stand outside the door a wave from a safe distance is enough.

For safeguarding reasons, you must notify the school office if there are changes to who will be collecting your child at the end of the day. We will not release your child to anyone else, even if they are known to the school, unless you have spoken to the school office informing us of these changes. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

COVID-19 Update

This week, it became law for people in England to self-isolate if they test positive or are contacted by NHS Track and Trace. This law has been introduced to ensure compliance with self-isolation rules and to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

Should you or a family member receive a call from Track or Trace please do inform the school immediately. If your child is unable to come to school, but is well enough to engage in home learning we have put together a suggested timetable and links to resources to support you. We will provide you with this information when you contact the school office.

Reading Corner



Enjoy the surreal comedy and bold primary-coloured images in Spaghetti Hunters by Morag Hood (Two Hoots publisher). Duck, hindered by the enthusiastic Tiny Horse, embarks on a search for the trickiest of all pastas ("You can't just MAKE spaghetti"). Joyously silly, it's enormous fun both for reader and listener.

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/aug/29/childrens-books-roundup-the-best-new-picture-books-and-novels>

Super Sentences!

Each week we will be sharing with you a sample sentence to practise writing with your child. Encourage them to say it, write it, use it alongside other sentences, find examples in their reading. It's a great way to develop and improve writing.

| 2A Sentences

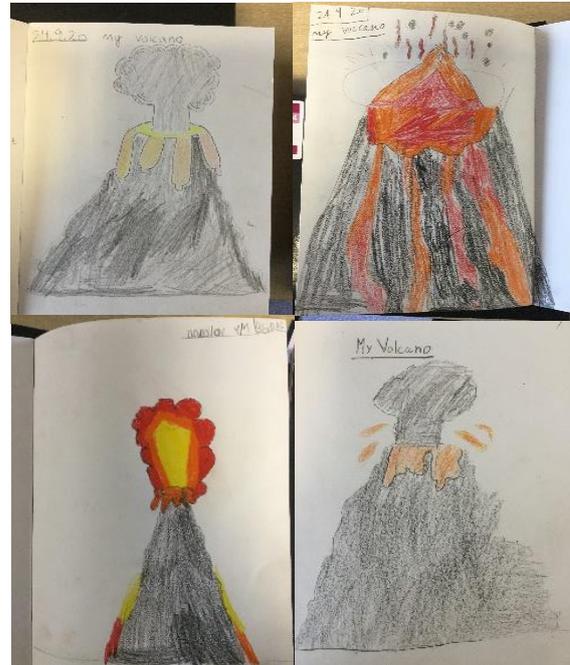
(Two adjective sentences)

It was an *old, dusty* house.

The *enormous black* dog ran towards me, snarling.

Classroom Corner

This week in year 4 we sketched out our volcanoes and coloured them in using warm colours. In a few weeks' time, we will be making our own volcanoes using newspaper and water bottles. First, we sketched out our volcanoes shapes and then shaded them in with reds, pinks, yellows and oranges.



Class	Merits
Nursery	Louis for coming to nursery every morning with a big smile.
Reception	Abdulazziz for making a great start to Reception this week. Well done 😊 Jamila for making a great start to Reception this week. Well done 😊
Year 1	Alana - making such a wonderful start and settling in so well in Year 1. Karen - for being such a kind member of our classroom, always following the classroom rules and showing good listening
Year 2	Macca - for coming into school with such fantastic facts about the Great Fire of London and sharing your knowledge with the class! Rahim - for being so hardworking in class, always trying your best and being kind to everyone at Worple!
Year 3	Sophie - Showing curiosity and motivation by completing extra work at home about Tutankhamun. Mary - Motivation in class to always, always meet my expectations.
Year 4	Hamidah for showing great curiosity and enthusiasm in R.E this week, looking at Buddhism. Charlie for challenging himself in his writing this week and working independently.
Year 5	Cerys – for always remembering everything she needs to remember, and being motivated to do the best she can. Well done! Isabelle -for remembering everything she needs to remember, and being motivated to do the best she can. Well done!
Year 6	Jenson , for being <u>motivated</u> in our whole class reading lessons and engaging so well with our class novel. Dylan , for being constantly <u>curious</u> , thinking hard and asking brilliant questions.
Lunchtime awards	EYSF/KS1- All of Reception , who have been absolutely fantastic all week in the dinner hall and in the playground KS2- Audrey in Year 4 - always polite and using good manners at lunchtime – well done!

Attendance and Punctuality

We anticipate bringing back our attendance and punctuality section of the newsletter after the October half term.

Times Tables Rock Stars

Times Table Rock Stars will be back soon. Over the next couple of week classes will complete their times table baseline, which is used to calculate each children's individual progress. In the meantime, you can still login and practice those tables!

Key Dates

	Academic Year 2020-21
W/C Monday 5 th October	Walk to School Week
W/C Monday 12 th October	Parents Evenings
Tuesday 20 th October	Individual school photos Open Morning for prospective parents
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for Half Term
Monday 26th October – Tuesday 3rd November	HALF TERM
Wednesday 4 th November	Children return to school

DROP OFF AND COLLECTION CHANGES:

Please note that from MONDAY 5th OCTOBER all parents/carers are to wear face masks at drop off and collection times!



We ask also that you social distance outside the school gate.